Coal workers not covered by CMPFO

2526. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact out of 83,304 workers engaged in Coal Mines by contractors, 52,304 remained uncovered up to March, 2003 by the Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation (CMPFO);

(b) whether it is also a fact that the CMPFO failed to exercise its powers to realize outstanding dues amounting to Rs. 314.22 crores on account of PF and pension arrears; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) The number of workers engaged by contractors keeps on changing. As reported by Coal India Ltd., workers engaged in coal mines by contractors as on 31.3.2005 and number of workers covered under Employees Provident Fund Scheme/Coal Mines Provident Fund Scheme, is given below:

Name of Coal Company	Number of workers engaged by contractors	Number of workers covered under CMPF/EPF Schemes
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	5027	37
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	1231	113
Central Coalfields Ltd.	7500	275
Western Coalfields Ltd.	2665	1250
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	6000	2182
Northern Coalfields Ltd.	5778	1010
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	5974	3031
North Eastern Coalfields 379	0	
Coal Mines Planning and Desing Institute Ltd.	700	185
Indian Institute of Coal Management	248	248
TOTAL:	35502	8331

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 314.22 crores was Outstanding Current Dues payable by BCCL and JK Minerals to CMPFO as on 31.03.04. Out of above amount Rs. 301 crores stands already recovered from BCCL. CMPFO has been monitoring outstanding dues and the issue is also reviewed in the meeting of Board of Trustees.

Common Service Centre in Andhra Pradesh

2527. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Postal Department proposes to Start Common Service Centres to issue Birth Death certificates;

(b) whether it is also true that one lakh such centres are proposed in different parts of the country;

(c) if so, the number of Common Service Centres proposed to start in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) whether Government think of adding some value added services to the proposed centers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) The Department seeks to make all post offices into multi-product, multi services centers by retailing services that are relevant to the needs of the customers. In this context, it has requested to Department of Information Technology to include post offices also in their Project to set up 10,000 Common Service Delivery Centers in rural areas. There is currently no specific proposal to issue birth and death certificates through post offices. However a number of other products and services are already being retailed through post offices. These include sale of forms for UPSC, Stte PSCs/ SSCs, collection of payments against electricity and telephone bills, sale of SIM cards and recharge coupons of private telephone service providers etc.

Setting up of Hardware Park

2528. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: